

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new section after the BACKGROUND INFORMATION section and before the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

[0001.1] Various embodiments are disclosed for techniques to perform channel access decisions and to select a transmit queue. These decisions may be performed, for example, based upon the age and number of packets in a queue. These techniques may allow a node to improve the length of data bursts transmitted by the node, although the invention is not limited thereto. Other embodiments are described and claimed.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Referring to the Figures in which like numerals indicate like elements, FIG. 1 is a diagram illustrating an example of a wireless communication system in accordance with one embodiment of the invention. In the communications system 100 shown in FIG. 1, a user wireless system 116 may include a wireless transceiver ~~410~~ 110 coupled to an antenna 117 and to a processor 112. Processor 112 in one embodiment may comprise a single processor, or alternatively may comprise a baseband processor and an applications processor, although the scope of the invention is not limited in this respect. According to one embodiment, processor 112 may include a baseband processor and Medium Access Control (MAC).